

Your PCC Believes in Tithing:

That means that of all the income given to us, we give away 10%. We can hardly ask our people to do the same, if the PCC does not, itself, set an example.

Where Does This Money Go?

In addition to our main partners – like Bible Society and Paraguay – we support a number of smaller projects. And on top of that, we have an extra slice of the financial cake, which we reserve for emergencies and special requests. As a result, we were able to respond to Jenny Robertson from Birmingham Christian Union, who have just run a mission. This is from a report she sent me. (Not written by Jenny herself)

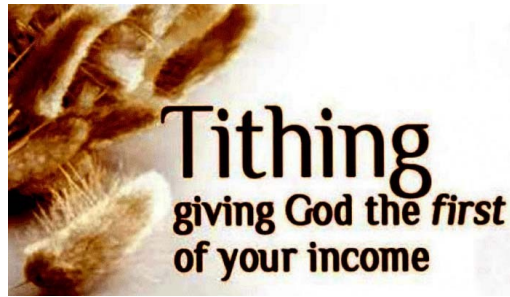
“Here at the University of Birmingham Christian Union we are hugely encouraged by everything that happened. We haven’t had a mission quite like it for a long time. Our events had large amounts of students attending, reaching a peak in our apologetic lunchtime talks of about 180 people. In the evenings we had 160 one night. Our Mark Drama event had roughly 160 people along too. We estimate 2000 people came and heard about Christ during the week!

Something that happened this year that I’m not sure has happened before at Birmingham was the sheer amount of conversations happening after a talk. Normally people would leave quickly after a talk, but this year nearly every time you looked around the marquee you could see a conversation happening.

Our speaker Pete Dray also says that on average, 90% of the people who become Christians because of an Events Week do so in the weeks that follow so we are praying for more fruit to be harvested. We also saw the CU really uniting on mission, so many people helped out at events, everyone was giving flyers out and it was great to see lots of people inviting their friends to the events.

This is just a glimpse of everything that happened during the week, it was truly amazing seeing everything God was doing. And thankfully it didn’t all end a week ago. So many people are reading the bible with their friends, discussing big questions and coming along to church for the first time! We also have a course running on Monday evenings called ‘Real Continued’ where we have a series of talks for people to come and search deeper. The first session last Monday was fantastic and it was great to see so many discussing God!

Thank you all at St John’s Haydon Wick for partnering with us. We really tried to step out in faith this year to make the events bigger and we couldn’t have done it without you.”



We need to praise God for last Saturday’s remarkable attendance at the Family Fun Day.

This was largely due to Pram Club parents bringing their children along. It is a great testimony to the relationship building that has been going on Pram Club over so many years. However good we make the publicity; the foundation is always going to be relationships between people.



We want to acknowledge **Lesley’s** vision and leadership - and her scriptwriting. But we also need to say a huge thank you to those who were (quite literally) behind-the-scenes. **David Tunley, Andy Gardner, Shelley Osborne, Denise Rees** and Lesley herself managed the puppets. And thanks to all the other helpers who got involved with face painting, craft work, welcoming, catering, lifting and carrying and all the hard work that an event like this demands.

Chris Hawkes constructed an extraordinary puppet theatre which was highly professional. I think we could call this one aspect of a thriving church.

And also a message from Lesley Mead: A huge thankyou to the puppeteers and the craft team for giving up precious time and helping everything run so smoothly!! Also to **Chris Hawkes** and **Paul Nichol** without whom I would have been lost!! Thankyou all 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

Remember to Pick Up Your Electoral Roll Form this Sunday!

Envelopes are on the table in the foyer.

The Swindon Food Collective:

This coming Thursday, (28th) will be hearing from Dr Clare Collier of the Swindon Food Collective at Lydiard Millicent School. Claire has taken over all the Swindon Food Bank vehicles and started again. But, trust in those who manage food banks has been damaged by the events of last year. So Claire is going to explain why we can have confidence in the new group, and will tell us about the new system that has been set up to give it a proper financial base. If you are a PCC member, and can make it at the meeting, it would be very good if you could be there.



Prayers: Sarah had a good week last week. John writes: "Through mime she was able to ask the nurse for a Fanta orange which she sucked off a sponge. We are not sure when she will have all the tubes removed." We continue to keep **Rod** in our prayers, as he copes with his loss of mobility. And remember **Cathy** who is in considerable pain. **Sue Branch and Doris** are now at home after a stay in hospital. We look forward to their increasing recovery.

Mon 25th	9.30-11.30 2pm	Pram Club Edna Webb's Homegroup in the Quiet Room
Tue 26th	8pm 8pm	Paul & Carol Nichol's Homegroup, 20, Furlong Close David Rudland's Homegroup, Purton
Wed 27th	1-3pm 7.30pm	Craft Club in Church Room Bill Hunt's Homegroup, 17 Rother Close
Fri 29th	10.30-1.30pm	Rock Café, Church Lounge

Please pray for our church family	
Mon 25th	Karen Wallace
Tue 26th	Edna Webb
Wed 27th	Janet Welham
Thurs 28th	Steve & Helen Wheeler & family
Fri 29th	David & Viv Williams
Sat 30th	Lola Wilson
Sun 31st	Kath Zammit

*If you would like to join a home group please speak to one of the leaders or contact **Andy or Carol Hall**, who oversee homegroups. andyshall@ntlworld.com.*



Services Next Week			
3rd Mar	9am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Praise	Andy Hall Andy Hall

Parish Office Email: parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk or Telephone 726000. All items for the bulletin to the office in writing by first thing on Thursday. Thank you.



Sunday Feb 24

2nd before Lent



"Learning to Trust"

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	Genesis 15:1-6 Luke 1: 46-56
11.00am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams	Genesis 15:1-6 Luke 1: 46-56